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In the abstract:

Please amend the abstract as shown below:

5 ~~The invention provides a~~ tuner has constituent component
for constructing a tunable or switchable spectral filter,
including single and multiple stage filters and fitters
without intermediate polarizer, over a wavelength range, ~~which is characterized in that it~~ It has ~~comprises~~ elements
10 arranged in cascade along a light beam axis including a
dispersive polarization rotator, ~~having that has~~ its rotation
angle $p(\lambda \text{ lambda})$ varying as a function of light wavelength
 λ over ~~said the~~ wavelength range, ~~an orientation-~~
~~sensitive polarizing element, and means for rotating said~~
15 ~~polarizing element or/and varying said rotation angle~~
 ~~$p(\lambda \text{ lambda})$, whereby said polarization rotator and said~~
~~polarizing element are arranged in series in said spectral~~
~~filter along said light beam axis with said polarizing~~
~~element oriented at a predetermined orientation angle related~~
20 ~~to the structure of said spectral filter, and said tuner is~~
~~operated by rotating said polarizing element to change its~~
~~orientation in said filter or/and by changing said rotation~~
~~angle $p(\lambda \text{ lambda})$. The invention is also concerned with said~~
~~filters and furthermore tuning methods for tuning said~~
25 ~~filters.~~